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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED
IMPEACHMENT AND CYPRUS, MONDAY'S SAYING CYPRUS SNAGGED.
INSIDE THURSDAY WASHSTAR HAD KISSINGER ON ATOMIC POLICY;
FRIDAY PAPERS REPORTED PENTAGON SAYING SOVIETS ARE DEVELOP-
ING NEW MISSILES; ALSO CONTRACT AWARDED TO BEGIN TRIDENT
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CONSTRUCTION; WASHPOST REPORTED GROUPS ATTACK TEST

TREATY. LITTLE FRESH COMMENT.

1A. SATURDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED CSCE RECESS; ALSO ANOTHER FRENCH TEST. MONDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAS MOSCOW ACCUSES NATO ON CYPRUS; ALSO PAPERS HAVE BROOKINGS STUDY SEES US EUROPEAN FORCES SET FOR WRONG WAR; BALTSUN HAS OXFORD CONFERENCE PREDICTS ACCELERATED ARMS RACE.

2. KISSINGER. THURSDAY WASHSTAR O'LEARY LOCAL REPORTED KISSINGER ASSURED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE THAT US HAS SET THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON CONTROL OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WITH ACTIVE DIPLOMACY TO BEGIN THIS AUTUMN TOWARD ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL POLICY ON NON-PROLIFERATION.

KISSINGER ALSO SAID US HAS TERMED ITS OWN NUCLEAR POLICY ONE OF SUFFICIENCY, AND IS NOT TRYING TO ACHIEVE A FIRST STRIKE CAPACITY BY OPTING FOR HIGHER YIELD AND GREATER ACCURACY FOR ITS MISSILES.

3. TEST TREATY. FRIDAY WASHPOST MARDER LOCAL REPORTED THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND THE ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION HAVE ATTACKED THE NEW NUCLEAR TEST BAN REACHED AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT, CHARGING THAT THE NEW TEST BAN IS A SHAM AND A STEP BACKWARDS, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE RE-NEGOTIATED TO SEEK ULTIMATE ELIMINATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. MARDER SAID THEIR OPPOSITION SIGNIFIES THAT THE PROPOSED TREATY WILL COME UNDER ATTACK IN CONGRESS FROM BOTH HAWKS AND DOVES.

4. CSCE. SATURDAY NYTIMES HAD GENEVA SPECIAL REPORTING DELEGATES REACHED TEMPORARY POLITICAL COMPROMISE ENABLING THEM TO RECESS FOR FIVE WEEKS. SPECIAL SAID WHILE AGREEMENT RESOLVED NONE OF BASIC ISSUES, IT REMOVED AN OBSTACLE THAT HAD PREVENTED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SOVIET BLOC AND WESTERN DELEGATES LEFT WITH HOPE REAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 2. SPECIAL SAYS ACCORD WAS SKILLFUL FORMULATION -THAT LEFT SOVIET UNION SATISFIED IT HAD ASSURED ITS RIGHT TO PROTECT ITS POLITICAL-SOCIAL-ECONOMIC-CULTURAL SYSTEMS AGAINST WESTERN SUBVERSION, YET LEFT WEST SATISFIED THAT SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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UNION WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED IN EVOKING THIS RIGHT AS AN EXCUSE FOR VOIDING SPECIFIC PLEDGES IT MAY GIVE ON FREER FLOW IN FINAL DOCUMENT. FRANCE'S ANDREANI SAID NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY COMPROMISE BUT IT REMOVED AN OBSTACLE THAT WAS A CAUSE OF SUSPICION TO BOTH SIDES. WASHPOST HAD QUITE DIFFERENT ITEM IN ITS WORLD ROUNDUP WHICH CONCLUDED: CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID COMPROMISE CALLS FOR WEST TO ACCEPT SOVIET DEMAND THAT THE

SOVEREIGNTY PRINCIPLE BE STATED EXPLICITLY.

5. NATO. MONDAY NYTIMES SPECIAL MOSCOW REPORTS THAT SOVIET UNION IN SPECIAL BROADCAST STATEMENT CHARGED THAT CERTAIN CIRCLES OF NATO WERE MAKING BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS TO DEPRIVE CYPRUS OF HER INDEPENDENCE ND TURN THE ISLAND INTO A STRATEGIC NATO BASE, ADDING THAT DIRECT MILITARY EFFORTS HAVING FAILED DIPLOMATIC TACTICS ARE NOW BEING EMPLOYED.

5A. MONDAY WASHPOST HAS LOCAL REUTERS REPORTING BROOKINGS STUDY BY JEFFREY RECORD AND RICHARD L WRENCE MAINTAINS AMERICAN TROOPS IN NATO COUNTRIES ARE BADLY POSITIONED TO MEET THE SOVIET THREAT IN EUROPE AND COULD BE REORGANIZED FOR AN ANNUAL SAVING OF 1.2 BILLION, AS PENTAGON NATO EXPERTS ACKNOWLEDGED US TROOPS SHOULD BE FURTHER NORTH TO BE OPPOSITE THE MOST LIKELY INVASION GROUP BUT CONTEND THERE WOULD BE AMPLE WARNING OF AN ATTACK IN TIME FOR SUCH A MOVE TO BE MADE, ADDING THAT THE COST-SAVING SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND FOUND NOT PRACTICAL.

5B. NYTIMES LOCAL MIDDLETON REPORTS STUDY SAYS US ARMY AND AIR FORCE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT THE WRONG WAR IN THE WRONG PLACE AND WITH THE WRONG AIR DOCTRINE, STUDY COMPLAINING THAT AMERICAN FORCES ARE NOT STATIONED ALONG MAIN INVASION ROUTES IN GERMANY AND ARE ORGANIZED FOR A LONG WAR WHEREAS SOVIET ARMIES ARE GEARED FOR A HIGH-VELOCITY OFFENSIVE AIMED AT OVERRUNNING WESTERN EUROPE BEFORE NATO RESERVES CAN BE MOBILIZED.

6. ARMS. FRIDAY NYTIMES FINNEY, ALSO IN BALTSUN, REPOR-TED DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID SOVIET UNION IS DEVELOPING SEVERAL NEW LONG-RANGE MISSILES IN ADDITION UNCLASSIFIED

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TO FOUR MISSILES IT HAS BEEN TESTING WITH MIRVS, AND THIS INFORMATION IS BEING PRESENTED AS CONFIRMATION OF THE VIEW THAT, DESPITE ARMS-CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS, THE MOMENTUM OF THE SOVIET PROGRAM IS UNCHECKED AND, IF ANYTHING IS ACCELERATING.

6A. FRIDAY WASHPOST GETLER ADDED DURING RECENT MOSCOW SUMMIT A TOP RUSSIAN MILITARY OFFICER TOLD HIS US COUNTER-PART THAT US WAS UNDERESTIMATING THE ACCURACY OF SOVIET MISSILES, INFORMATION WHICH SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE OR DISCUSS AT SALT. ACCORDING GETLER, SOME US OBSERVERS SAY THIS DISCLOSURE MAY SIGNAL THAT SOVIETS ARE NO W WILLING TO GET INTO MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF THE MISSILE FORCES BUT MAY PREFER MILITARY CHANNELS TO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

6B. MONDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY OXFORD REPORTS THAT AT
CONFIDENTIAL MEETING THERE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS EXPERTS
SOME PARTICIPANTS SAY INDIA'S NUCLEAR BLAST MIGHT MEAN
WORLD HAS WITNESSED THE END OF AN ARMS CONTROL ERA RATHER
THAN THE HOPEFUL START OF A NEW ONE, ADDING THAT MOSCOW
SUMMIT NOT ONLY SET STAGE FOR ACCELERATING THE SUPERPOW-

ERS' ARMS RACE BUT FAILED, BY EXAMPLE, TO ENCOURAGE

RESTRAINT ON PART OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR NUCLEAR
CLUB.

7. COMMENT FRIDAY NYTIMES HAD OP-ED PIECE BY PAUL NITZE,
HOLDING THAT ABM AND THRESHOLD AGREEMENTS OF MOSCOW
SUMMIT ARE OF LITTLE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE. RE OFFENSIVE
ARMS, US AT GENEVA SALT HAS PROPOSED PHASED REDUCTIONS TO
LOWER LEVELS IN ORDER TO AVOID NECESSITY OF HAVING TO
BUILD UP TO SOVIET LEVELS. NITZE SAID HE BELIEVES
SOVIET STRATEGY IS TO DEAL WITH EACH SEGMENT OF THE PROBLEM
PIECEMEAL, NAILING DOWN ONE PIECE AFTER ANOTHER IN A MAN-
NER FAVORABLE TO SOVIET INTERESTS, AND SOVIET SIDE CON-
SIDERS ALREADY SETTLED THE INEQUALITIES IN NUMBERS OF
LAUNCHERS AND SILO DIMENSIONS. IN ABSENCE OF ANY AGREE-
MENT BY SOVIET SIDE TO SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER ITS PAST
POSITIONS, NITZE SAID HE SAW SMALL PROSPECT OF SALT TWO
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